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Advancing government troops yesterday discovered two abandoned Khmer Communist artillery positions and over 400 expended 105-mm. howitzer casings near Route 201 some seven miles southwest of Phnom Penh. The government threat to their western flank has apparently also caused insurgent units at the center of the southern defense line to withdraw to the south bank of the Prek Thnaot River. Elsewhere in the capital region, logistics problems have apparently caused Communist units along Route 1 southeast of the city to postpone attack scheduled for February 25. Most of a Mekong River convoy carrying ammunition and rice arrived in Phnom Penh late yesterday after an uneventful trip upriver. Three ammo barges are still on the river.

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